Constitution of advisory committee for Territorial army in MP

3140. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Territorial Army Advisory Committees have been constituted in Madhya Pradesh; if so, when the last meeting was held and the proposed date for its next meeting; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The State Advisory Committee for Madhya Pradesh was last constituted on 5th Puly, 1982. The last meeting of the Committee was held on 23rd December, 1982. The tenure of the non-official members has since expired and the proposals of the State Government in this regard are awaited.

Being a State Advisory Committee, the date of its next meeting is to be fixed by the State Government.

Programme for manufacturing filter type equipment for controling pollution

3141. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry out a programme for manufacture of a filter-type equipment for the use of general public for safety from pollution in the cities where pollution and health hazard rate is very high;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The pollution levels in the cities are not such as to require use of filter type equipment by the general public.

Purchase of vegetable oil for the Defence Forces

3142. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old practice of purchasing vegetable oil for defence forces through public tenders offering minimum price, has recently been discontinued and entire purchases are made from a single source, involving an extra expenditure of more than rupees one crore; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The only recent change in the purchase policy of vegetable oils is that procurement is being made exclusively from the public sector and the cooperative sector and such producers compete *inter-se*. The entire requirement is, therefore, not being met from a single source. There is no evidence which shows that this has resulted in extra expenditure.

(b) The promotion of the public and the cooperative sector, wherever feasible, is a part of Government's present policy, and operates to mutual advantage.

Setting up of a Committee on problem of film industry

3143. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high powered committee to go into problems of film industry which is facing grave crisis due to high taxes and threat from video piracy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and